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## Select Poetry.

PARODY ON HAZLET'S SOLILOQUY.

"TO BE OR NOT TO BE."

BY A PRINTER.

To Print, or not to Print? that is the ques-

tion. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer

The loss and disappointments of our every

effort

To earn an honest livelihood, or quit the busi-

ness

And end the contest. To stop—to add no more

To landlord's, poet's, and paper-maker's bills,

And every other expense incurred by printers,

Is really a consummation to be wished.

To die—to sleep—perchance, to dream;

Alas, there's the rub!—perhaps like Egypt's sons

of old.

Who died insolvent, be denied a burial.

Mayhap, the corpse for debt may be detain'd

For British laws permit; and closely held

Inurance vile, till the last farthing's paid.

There's the respect that makes us bear the

burden

Of weekly care and toils without reward;

For who would endure the loss of time,

Of labor and of cash, the duns of creditors,

The negligence of editors and the stings

Of ungrateful artists suffer.

When he himself might quit them all for ever,

By a bare advertisement? Who would make

His grave and pension groan beneath the

weight

Of ostentatious titles and types weekly com-

posed

To gratify the gentry's thirst for news;

Pore over books, and cull 'till instructive page,

Or seek in every quarter of the earth,

Collect and publish 'till the tale that goes,

"And paint the manner's living as they rise,"

But that the dread of what may follow,

As the lazzis of various lynchings of the type,

The scorn of enemies, (for who's without them?)

Silent suspicion of well-meaning friends,

Who think we should have struggled longer

for success.

And utter ruin to our fondest hopes,

Puzzles the will, and makes us rather bear

The ills that now we have, than fly to others

We know not, and perhaps, might have

avoided.

Thus is the Printer at a stand, and cannot

between two bad alternatives determine.

## Select Story.

BREAD UPON THE WATERS.

The name of Journot is historic in

France, belonging to one of those an-

cient families who have maintained, to

the present day, the honor of a proud

name, though the representatives have

passed through all manner of vicissi-

tuudes attendant upon revolution and

loss of property, and we may add life

itself, since more than one who bore

the name died by the guillotine.

It was near the close of the reign of

Louis XV., one January afternoon,

that a crowd might have been seen

gathered upon one side of the Rue de

la Paix, Paris. There stood in the

midst of the group a woman, simply

but neatly dressed, with an infant in

her arms, while hard by a couple of

officers of law were forcing a man

away from the spot. A few busy

hands were loading a cart with fur-

niture and other domestic articles.

It was not an unusual scene in Paris

in those days. A creditor had the

debt due amounted to a certain sum. He

could seize upon his debtor's personal

property, even to the bed he slept

upon, turn wife and children into the

street, and could also send the father

to prison. Such was the explanation

of the scene to which we have referred

as now occurring in the Rue de la

Paix.

In vain the wife's tears. An advocate

as he was called, had been em-

ployed to enforce the law, and he

stood there as rigid and cold as mar-

ble. Hard by a good cure was trying

to comfort the wife, and interceding,

but fruitlessly, with the agent of law,

who acted for the creditor. In the

struggle with their prisoner the coat

of the husband had been torn from his

back, and he was now being borne

away to the prison through the cold

January atmosphere in his shirt

sleeves.

At that moment there rode down

the Rue de la Paix a young and

handsome man in an open carriage.

As the vehicle came opposite the

throng it was stopped by the crowd, so

that the driver could only draw up

his horses and wait for it to disperse.

The occupant of the vehicle leaned

forward to ascertain the cause of the

interruption. His eyes caught those

of the good cure, who instantly came

forward, saying:

"It is a poor, unfortunate family,

Monsieur, who are being driven from

their home by a heartless creditor.—

They are worthy and good people, as

I well know."

"And cannot pay the debt?" asked

the young Marquis Journot, for that

was his name.

"The man cannot pay."

"And how much is the debt?"

"Fifty louis, Monsieur."

"Is that all?"

"A small sum to you, perhaps,

Monsieur, but quite too much for this

poor man to attempt to pay."

The Marquis was a young spend-

thrift, a gay, dissipated sprig of the

nobility, scarcely yet of age, but he

was not without generous instincts,

and, indeed, he was known to have a

good heart. He lived in a dissolute

period, when few young men of his

rank escaped the contamination of

vice. Gambling was a daily pastime

and the honor of women was held of

light account.

The young Marquis had taken out

his pocket book as he remarked, "Is

that all?"

"Here, my good priest," he said,

"you seem to be the friend of this un-

fortunate family. Take this money,

pay the creditor, and restore them to

their home."

But this is a hundred louis, Mon-

sieur. The debt is only fifty," said

the cure.

"Never mind, there will be some ex-

tra expense in getting the family to

rights once more."

"May heaven bless you, Monsieur,"

said the cure, solemnly lifting his cowl

and looking up to the sky. "Such dis-

interested charity must be recorded

above!"

"Drive on, Antoine," said the mar-

quis to his coachman, as the crowd,

who readily interpreted the generous

act, sent up a ringing shout of "Vive

le Marquis!"

The priest settled the account and

took a receipt upon the spot. The ad-

vocate and his officers slipped away,

and the crowd vied with each other in

energetic efforts to replace the poor

man's articles once more within doors.

He was a modest trader, who had

trusted out too much in small sums to

his customers, and, being unable to

collect it all in at the day and hour

when he required it, had been thus

summarily dealt with by a hard cred-

itor.

"And who was that generous man?"

asked the wife.

"It was the young Marquis Jour-

not," replied the cure.

"He shall be remembered in my

prayers," she said, solemnly.

"Amen," said the husband, as he

kissed the babe.

"And these fifty louis are over!"

suggested the cure.

"Aye, what shall we do with them?"

"It is the very sum I need to set me

all right in my small business," said

the tradesman.

"That is just what the marquis sug-

gested."

And so the priest handed over the

money to the happy man and departed.

In the meantime the Marquis Jour-

not was being driven towards his ho-

tel, which was situated on the Rue

Rivoli. Scarcely had his coachman

turned out of the Rue de la Paix when

he was once more suddenly brought to

a standstill by the body of a man ly-

ing across the horses' path.

"Well, Antoine, what is the trou-

ble?" asked the marquis, a little pe-

tulantly.

"A drunken man beneath the very

feet of the horses," said the driver

striving to keep the animals off the

body of a man just in front of them.

"Egad, that won't do," said the

marquis, with more energy than one

would have supposed him to possess;

and at the same time jumping out of

the vehicle, he seized upon the man

and by sheer physical strength drag-

ged him out from beneath the horses'

feet.

"Oh, Monsieur, it is my husband,"

said a pretty, young woman, coming

out of a humble abode.

The coachman having handed his

reins to a citizen, took hold of the in-

animate body of the man, and together

they bore him into the house.

"Does he get often in this way?"

asked the marquis.

"No," said the young wife. "But

he has been sadly disappointed to-

day."

"In what way?"

"Nobody would be godfather to our

baby."

On the bed lay a sweet little infant,

clothed in very poor attire to be sure,

but yet very clean and neat.

"Is that your baby?"

"Yes," said the young mother.

She too was very pretty and neat.

These poor people had no one to be-

friend them.

"How old is the little fellow?"

"Only ten days."

"Indeed?"

"And oh! we want him christened,

because you know, Monsieur, if he

were to die by any accident before he

was christened, why he would go to

purgatory."

"Do you think so?"

"











## Time Tables

PILUADELPHIA, WILMINGTON BALTIMORE RAILROAD.			Del. Division—Time Tables FALL ARRANGEMENT.		
NORTHWARD.			SOUTHWARD.		
Passenger, Mixed.			Passenger.		
7:00	3:00	Baltimore	11:56	7:00	Philadelphia
8:00	5:15	Philadelphia	10:05	6:44	Philadelphia
9:00	6:15	Wilmington	9:15	5:44	Wilmington
9:30	6:40	Camden Junction	8:45	5:14	Camden Junction
10:00	6:40	New Castle	8:20	4:44	New Castle
10:30	6:40	Georgetown	7:50	4:14	Georgetown
10:51	6:59	Bea	7:20	3:44	Bea
11:10	7:19	Seaford	6:50	3:14	Seaford
10:12	7:10	Kirkwood	6:11	2:39	Kirkwood
10:25	7:20	Elk Mount	5:02	2:09	Elk Mount
10:40	7:35	Towson	4:32	1:39	Towson
10:50	7:45	Towson	4:02	1:09	Towson
11:00	8:00	Green Spring	3:32	0:39	Green Spring
11:10	8:05	Clayton	2:50	0:20	Clayton
11:20	8:15	Seaside	2:20	0:10	Seaside
11:30	8:15	Bredeford	1:50	0:00	Bredeford
11:40	8:25	Delmar	1:20	0:00	Delmar
11:50	8:31	Doyle	0:50	0:00	Doyle
11:55	8:37	Wilmington	0:45	0:00	Wilmington
12:00	8:45	Seaside	0:40	0:00	Seaside
12:10	8:45	Camden Junction	0:37	0:00	Camden Junction
12:20	8:50	Philadelphia	0:30	0:00	Philadelphia
12:30	9:00	Harrington	0:20	0:00	Harrington
12:40	9:15	Farmington	0:10	0:00	Farmington
12:50	9:25	Delmar	0:00	0:00	Delmar
12:55	9:30	Brigville	0:00	0:00	Brigville
1:00	9:40	Delmar	0:00	0:00	Delmar
1:10	9:45	Delmar	0:00	0:00	Delmar
1:20	9:50	Delmar	0:00	0:00	Delmar
1:30	9:55	Delmar	0:00	0:00	Delmar
1:40	10:00	Delmar	0:00	0:00	Delmar

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